

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

In re:

WAREHOUSE 86, LLC

Debtor

CASE NO. 08-03423-EE
Chapter 11

**ORDER APPROVING FIRST APPLICATION OF
BUTLER, SNOW, O'MARA, STEVENS & CANNADA, PLLC
FOR ALLOWANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM FOR
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

[Dkt. # 164]

This matter came on for hearing before the Court on the First Application for Approval and Allowance of Administrative Claim for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC ("Butler Snow") as counsel for Warehouse 86, LLC (the "Debtor") (the "Application") [Dkt. # 164] seeking the allowance of compensation of \$89,198.50 and reimbursement of expenses of \$4,392.37 for the period November 4, 2008 through June 30, 2009, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 328 and 331, Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Local Bankruptcy Rules of this Court and the Order Granting Application of Debtor to Employ Attorneys and Disclosure of Compensation [Dkt. # 28] (the "Retention Order"). The Court considered the Application and the entire record herein and finds that notice of the Application was properly given to all required creditors and parties in interest, and no objections to the Application were timely filed. Except as set forth herein, the Court finds that the Application is well taken and should be granted in its entirety. The Court further finds as follows:

1. On November 4, 2008 (the “Petition Date”), Warehouse 86, LLC filed its voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to Sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor continues to manage its assets as debtor-in-possession.

2. On November 19, 2008, the Office of the United States Trustee appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors (the “Committee”) [Dkt. # 62].

3. The Debtor retained Stephen W. Rosenblatt and Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC as counsel to represent it in this bankruptcy case, and by the Retention Order, the Debtor was authorized to employ and retain Butler Snow as its bankruptcy counsel to prosecute this Chapter 11 case and all related matters and to render the legal services necessary to the Debtor during its Chapter 11 case, as more fully described in the Retention Order.

4. The Retention Order authorized the Debtor to compensate Butler Snow at its regular hourly rates charged for services of this type and to reimburse Butler Snow for actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses that it incurs, subject to application to this Court in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and all orders of this Court.

5. Butler Snow and the United States Trustee have agreed that the hourly rate for legal assistants (or paralegals), will be approved herein at the rate of \$85.00 per hour, instead of their regular hourly rate charged by Butler Snow, which results in an adjustment for this Application in the amount of \$434.50, all as reflected on Exhibit “A” hereto. The parties have agreed to reserve their rights for a future hearing as to whether the hourly rates for legal assistants (or paralegals) should be approved at their normal and customary hourly rate instead of being capped at \$85.00 per hour, and this Order is without prejudice to those reserved rights by Butler Snow and the United States Trustee.

6. The fees charged and expenses incurred by Butler Snow represent reasonable and necessary fees and expenses that were required to be rendered by counsel to the Debtor in all matters

which arise in handling bankruptcy case administration and litigation, and which were necessary to protect and preserve all rights of the Debtor and the interests of creditors in furtherance of counsel's obligations herein. Such fees and expenses have served to enhance the value of the property of the bankruptcy estate and have benefited the bankruptcy estate.

7. In accordance with the factors enumerated in 11 U.S.C. § 330, the amount of fees requested for Butler Snow is fair and reasonable in the context of: (a) the complexity of this case; (b) the time expended; (c) the nature and extent of the services rendered; (d) the value of such services; and (e) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under the Bankruptcy Code.

8. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2016 and Section 504 of the Bankruptcy Code, Butler Snow has neither shared, nor agreed to share, either, (a) any compensation it has received or may receive with another part or person other than as permitted by section 504(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, or (b) any compensation another person or party has received or may receive in connection with these cases.

9. Butler Snow was paid a total retainer of \$45,000.00 for pre-petition services, all of which was exhausted prior to the filing of the Bankruptcy Case. Butler Snow charged \$43,273.52 for fees and expenses through October 31, 2008, leaving an unused retainer of \$1,726.48. Butler Snow incurred fees of \$2,035.00 for November 1, 2008 through November 3, 2008, fully exhausting the pre-petition retainer. Furthermore, Butler Snow waived and wrote off its claim of \$307.52 for pre-petition services that was not covered by its pre-petition retainer.

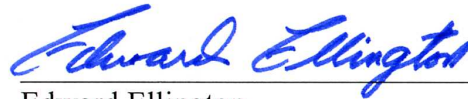
10. Butler Snow has filed this First Application for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Necessary Expenses as counsel for the Debtor in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Retention Order. This request covers the period of November 4, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (the "Initial Fee Period"), and is for the total amount of \$93,156.37 during the Initial

Fee Period, of which \$88,764.00 (\$89,198.50 less \$434.50 for paralegal rate hold back reserve) is for fees for services rendered and \$4,392.37 is for expenses incurred..

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- (a) Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC shall be granted allowed fees of \$88,764.00 (\$89,198.50 less \$434.50 for a paralegal rate holdback reserve) for services rendered as counsel to the Debtor;
- (b) Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC shall be granted allowed expenses of \$4,392.37 for expenses incurred as counsel to the Debtor;
- (c) The Debtor shall pay Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC the sum of \$93,156.37 as its allowed claim for fees and expenses incurred for the period November 8, 2008 through June 30, 2009 as soon as practicable after the entry of this Order;
- (d) To the extent necessary, the Debtor may pay the allowed fees and expenses of Butler Snow from the proceeds of the sale of the assets of the Debtor as approved by this Court in its Order Granting Debtor's Motion for Authority to Sell Assets Free and Clear of all Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances Outside the Ordinary Course of Business and Assuming and Assigning Certain Unexpired Leases and Executory Contracts Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 363 and 365 entered on December 10, 2008 [Dkt. #070); and
- (e) The Court will hold in abeyance any decision as to the appropriate hourly rate at which legal assistants (or paralegals) may be compensated by the bankruptcy estate.

SO ORDERED,



Edward Ellington
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: August 12, 2009

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EXHIBIT “A”
Summary of Rate Adjustments

Statement Date

07-16-09

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Billed Hours</u>	<u>Regular Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Capped Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Hourly Rate Difference</u>	<u>Dollar Difference</u>
Marcie D. Davant	.80	\$125.00	\$85.00	\$40.00	\$32.00
Donna P. Hardin	16.10	\$110.00	\$85.00	\$25.00	\$402.50

Total Adjustment

\$434.50

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